Revival of sick sugar companies from sugar development fund

1906. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to do away with the policy of taking charge of fixed assets of sugar mills for extending small loans upto Rs. 1 or 2 crores from Sugar Development Fund for revival and rehabilitation of sick and small sugar companies;

(b) if not, how Government plan to help such deserving sugar factories from the Sugar Development Fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The Government has, at present, no plan to do away with the system of creation of charge on the fixed assets of the sugar mills for extending loan from SDF for revival rehabilitation of sick sugar mills. In case, the rehabilitation scheme of a sick sugar mill is considered and sanctioned by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), as per the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies Act, 1985 and the BIFR considers it appropriate that financial assistance in the shape of a loan from the Sugar Development Fund is to be provided to a sick sugar mill and so passes an order as part of its rehabilitation schemes, the same is considered for approval in accordance with SDF Rules, in the Standing Committee for the Sugar Development Fund.

संडीला के एफ०सी०आई० कर्मकारों के निमित्त वेतन चैक का बाउंस हो जाना

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(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम (एफ०आर०डी०सी० गोदाम), संडीला के कर्मकारों को फरवरी, 1998 तक के वेतन के भुगतान के लिए जारी किया चैक बांउस हो गया;

(ख) यदि हां, तो चैक के बाउंस होने के क्या कारण थे और इसके लिए कौन-कौन अधिकारी जिम्मेदार थे तथा उनके विरूद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उनके वेतन के भुगतान के संबंध में उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा 14 अक्तूबर 1998 को दिये गये आदेश को भी प्रशासन द्वारा नजर अंदाज कर दिया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उक्त कर्मचारियों के बकाया वेतन का भुगतान कब तक कर दिया जाएगा और इसमें विलंब के क्या कारण है?

खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामलों के मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य पाल सिंह यादव): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Relaxation in Quality of Rice

1908. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government had requested for relaxation of quality of rice;

(b) if so, what was the reaction of the Central Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have relaxed the quality of rice procured from Punjab this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has allowed relaxation in the specification of Paddy & Rice due to un-seasonal rains during September-October, 1998.